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ACADEMY

Your Guide to CATS TESTS

Some practical information about your CATS Tests and what they are for.

We want to try and make your CATS tests as successful as possible. This leaflet provides some essential information you will need in order to take your tests.

Please read this leaflet carefully and refer to it when the time comes for you to take your tests.

If you have any questions please see your tutor or Mr Lamb/Mr Coldham in the Exams Office (M006)

CATS
do's
&
don'ts

- do** **Arrive on time**
You must go directly to your ICT suite and not to your normal tutor base/lesson
- do** **Check your timetable on Page 3 for your test dates**
*Your tutor will hand you a card showing your CATS session – know your group
Ask your tutor or check the Exams noticeboards by Brunel*
- do** **Be silent as soon as you enter the test room**
You must not talk or communicate with other students
- do** **Bring your Reading Book**
If you finish your test you will be allowed to read silently while all the tests end
- don't** **Lose this leaflet**
*If you do, see Mr Lamb **IMMEDIATELY** and you will be given another*
- don't** **Bring your phone or electronic device**
*If you do, you **MUST** put it in your bag – you must not have it on you*
- don't** **You do not need to bring any equipment**
You will be given headphones, pen/paper for rough work where necessary



& remember If you are not sure **ask**

Where to go



Please see the timetable opposite.

You must go directly to the ICT suite for your session.

DO NOT go to your lesson as late arrival will delay the tests.

Once there you will be allocated a PC and then given your instructions – including your password to access the tests.

Please note the start time of your test. For an 8.50am start, you **MUST NOT** go to registration, but directly to your test venue. The test will last for approximately 1 hour 40 minutes.

PLEASE NOTE: You should try where possible to ensure that you have used the toilet before tests, because once the online test has begun it cannot be paused. Each test has a specific amount of time within which you must complete it. This cannot be adjusted and once the test has started the computer will run it until the time has run out.

Please bear this in mind during lunch break and how much you drink.

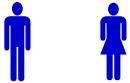
Absolute punctuality is essential



It is very important that you get to your ICT suite on time.

The tests are specifically timed and any delay must be avoided.

Uniform



You must wear full school uniform as usual.

ICT rooms tend to be cool so you will need to wear your blazer.

Illness



These tests are important and every effort must be made to attend. However if you are too ill to sit your tests, then this should be reported to the Absence Line as usual. Arrangements will be made for you to sit your tests at another time when you are well.

Should you feel unwell during the exam, put your hand up and quietly inform the teacher or invigilator.

Equipment



You do not need to bring any equipment. Please leave everything in your bag which will be at the front of the room. For some of the tests you are allowed to do rough work and a pencil and paper will be provided for this.

You will also be given some headphones as you will receive audio instructions during the test.

Venues



These tests will take place in the ICT suites.

You must go directly to the ICT suite as shown below and not to your normal lesson. Registration will be taken in the exam room.

Once you have finished your tests you will return to your normal timetabled lessons if there is time.

Timetable



| Date | Sessions | Group | Venue |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------|-------|
| Monday 21 st Sept | Reg/Period 1 & 2 | Group 1 | B102 |
| | Reg/Period 1 & 2 | Group 2 | L103 |
| | Period 5 & 6 | Group 3 | B102 |
| | Period 5 & 6 | Group 4 | L103 |
| | Period 5 & 6 | Group 5 | B014 |
| Tuesday 22 nd Sept | Reg/Period 1 & 2 | Group 6 | B102 |
| | Reg/Period 1 & 2 | Group 7 | L103 |
| | Reg/Period 1 & 2 | Group 8 | B014 |
| | Period 5 & 6 | Group 9 | B102 |
| | Period 5 & 6 | Group 10 | L103 |
| Wednesday 23 rd Sept | Reg/Period 1 & 2 | Group 11 | B102 |
| | Reg/Period 1 & 2 | Group 12 | L103 |
| | Period 5 & 6 | Group 13 | L103 |
| Thursday 24 th Sept | Reg/Period 1 & 2 | Group 14 | B102 |
| | Reg/Period 1 & 2 | Group 15 | L103 |
| | Reg/Period 1 & 2 | Group 16 | B014 |
| | Period 5 & 6 | Group 17 | B102 |
| Friday 25 th Sept | Period 5 & 6 | Group 18 | B102 |
| | Period 5 & 6 | Group 19 | L103 |

Please ask your tutor or go to the Exams Noticeboard if you have forgotten which group you are in.

There will also be lists displayed in your tutor bases.

Mobile Phones

Best Advice: DON'T BRING THEM



If you bring it, you must put it in your bag **SWITCHED OFF** or with the battery removed.

If you do not have a bag, ask someone else to put it in their bag, or you must hand it in (and collect it after the exam has finished).

Why do we do CATS tests?

The purpose of these tests is to enable us to gather vital information about the abilities of students in specific areas of the curriculum and to enable us to set Key Stage 3 targets for them.

We will use students' Key Stage 2 test results to set their targets for English, Mathematics and Science

We use the CAT results for non-core subjects: EPA, (Expressive & Performing Arts – Dance, Drama, Music, Art), Technology (Textiles, DT, Food Technology & ICT), Humanities (History, Geography, R.E.), Physical Education and Modern Foreign Languages.

Students will receive targets for Year 7 which will be reviewed in July and new targets set; this process will occur annually until students reach the end of Key Stage 3.

GOOD LUCK